

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on June 22, 2004. New claims 10 and 11 are added, directed to the elected species of invention. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. Claims 1-11 are in the application.

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-4, 10, and 11). The requirement for restriction is traversed on the ground that it would not be an undue burden on the USPTO to examine the invention of Group II together with the invention of Group I in the present application.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species within Group I, Applicants elect the species in which the lubricant (D) is polydimethylsiloxane and in which the inorganic filler is absent.

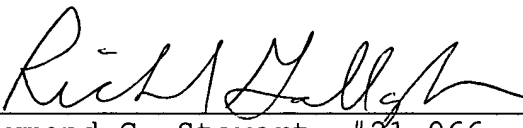
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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